

**Rumson Historic Preservation Commission
Minutes of the Meeting February 18, 2021
Zoom Meeting**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman Charles Shay.

2. Pledge of Alliance

3. Roll Call

Present: Chairman Charles Shay, Vice Chairman Thomas Clark, Councilwoman Laura Atwell, Mr. Ben Day, Mr. Jon Carras and Mr. Robert Adler

Absent: Mrs. Laura Tooker and Mr. Jim Fitzmaurice

Public: Mr. Ed Pomphrey

Chairman Shay declared a quorum present and announced that the notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act had been met by posting and mailing of a schedule all regular meetings of the Historic Preservation Commission for 2021 to the Asbury Park Press, the Two Rivers Times and the Rumson Borough Website.

4. Approval of Minutes of January 21, 2021

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2021 meeting was made by Vice Chairman Clark and seconded by Mr. Day. Chairman Shay to forward to Mr. Day for posting on the Borough Website.

5. Chairman Report

The Commission received a request from The Rumson Journal for a recommendation of an historic property that could be featured in an article for the publication. The Commission will determine what property or properties at the March 18, 2021 meeting and will notify The Journal.

6. Sub Committees

A. Maintain & Update HPC Website

- Data collection of properties that will turn 100 in the next five years (Mr. Shay & Mr. Clark) – Completed
- Add properties turning 100 years old (Mr. Shay, Mr. Clark & Mr. Day) – Three properties were added, two deleted (razed for new construction) and four changes to existing listings - Completed

B. Develop Website Enhancements

- Line drawings for glossary photos uploaded to website (Mr. Fitzmaurice & Mr. Day) - Completed
- Rumson historic material uploaded to website (Councilwoman Atwell & Mr. Day) – Ongoing

C. Chronicle/Record/Document any “at risk” Historic Properties (Mr. Fitzmaurice & Mrs. Tooker) - Ongoing

D. Recognize those in the Community who foster Historic Preservation

- Special plaque for Bingham Hall (Mr. Clark) – Ongoing
 - Mr. Clark to provide sample for Borough Council review.
 - Councilwoman Atwell will share sample plaque and funding with the Borough and Borough Council
- 2021 Award Program (Mr. Clark) - Ongoing
 - Commission will proceed with the 2021 Award Program
 - Nomination period to open May 1, 2021 and remain open for 60 Days through June 30, 2021
 - Total cycle time for Award Program is 120 days
 - 2021 Winner(s) will be announced in the Fall
 - Nomination form on the website to be updated to reflect the new dates (Mr. Day)
 - Borough to be notified of program dates
 - Councilwoman Atwell to notify the Borough
 - HPC will provide the Borough with content to notify residents of the Award Program through Borough Constant Contact email, the electronic message board and the website

E. Preserve Rumson’s Historic Character (All)

- Historic Plaque Program to continue with new pricing of \$295.00 per plaque (Councilwoman Atwell & Mr. Carras)
 - Update application form, pricing and updated form uploaded to website

F. Continue Current HPC Activities

- Resource to owners of Historic Homes (Mr. Shay & Mr. Clark) - Ongoing
- Communicate HPC activities with residents (Councilwoman Atwell & Mr. Day) - Ongoing
- Communicate with other HPC Groups – (Mr. Shay & Mr. Clark) - Ongoing

7. New Business

- Rumson History Book Volume 3 (Councilwoman Atwell & Mr. Day) – Ongoing
 - Draft content sent to Mr. Day for Introduction and Early Days sections
 - Rumson Community Education draft section submitted to Mr. Day
 - Continue to identify residents who would contribute to sections in the book

- Resume bi-weekly meetings with advisory group
- Facebook to share Rumson History (Mrs. Tooker) - Ongoing
 - Positive feedback received from residents on the photographs that have been posted on Facebook by Mrs. Tooker
- Moss History Room soft opening (Mrs. Tooker) – TBD
- Rumson History Event for 2022 (Mr. Carras) – Ongoing
 - Continue discussions and planning at March 2021 meeting

8. Liaison Reports

None

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM via Zoom.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 after a motion by Mr. Day and seconded by Mr. Adler.

Respectfully Submitted,

Councilwoman Laura Atwell for Laura Tooker, Secretary